

# NEWS AROUND THE WATER COOLER

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## TIPS TO HAVING A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

During the holidays, people are so wrapped up with shopping, cooking and planning parties that they become careless in their haste, leaving themselves vulnerable to theft and other crimes, according to the Sheriff's Department.

To help individuals have a safer and happier holiday season, the department is offering the following tips. Out and about

- Stay alert to your surroundings and people around you.
- Lock your car and close your windows even if you're only gone for a few minutes. Lock packages in the trunk.
- When waiting for public transportation or rides from friends, do so in a busy, well-lit place.
- Teach children to ask a store clerk for help should they become separated from you while shopping. Children should never be alone in a parking lot or a car alone.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use checks or credit cards.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.

At home

- Always lock your doors and windows, even if you'll only be away for a few minutes.
- Give the impression that your house is occupied by leaving on lights and a radio or a television.
- Use an automatic timer for your lights if you're not home during the holidays. Have a neighbor watch your house and collect your mail and newspapers.
- Make sure your holiday tree doesn't block doors or passageways.
- Have your tree mounted on a sturdy base so that small children or pets can't topple it.
- Make sure all holiday lights are in good working order before using.

Online safety

- Stick to well-established and trusted websites for shopping online.
- Never respond to offers that arrive in a spam e-mail, text or instant message.
- Never reveal personal information to an unknown online source.

Be careful of scams like "smishing," where thieves send phishing texts that appear to come from a bank or an online retailer.

## Christmas Choir

### WHAT YOU NEED

- Paint and Paint Brushes
- 1 toilet Paper Tube
- 1 Paper Towel Tube (Cut into 2 separate lengths)
- Colored Paper
- Black Marker
- Glue
- Sheet Music
- 3 Children's Socks
- String



### What to Do

1. Paint the tubes and set them aside to dry. From the colored paper, cut out oval face shapes and draw on eyes and mouths with the marker. Use the pink pencil to color rosy cheeks. Cut out paper mittens for each caroler too.
2. From the sheet music, trim two small rectangles and fold each in half to resemble a mini songbook. Glue the faces onto the tubes. Then glue a songbook between each pair of mittens and glue the mittens to the tubes.
3. For hats, trim the feet off the socks and discard them. Fold an end of each sock tube into a cuff and stretch it onto a caroler's head. Tie the hat closed with string or raffia

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## Schedule of Events

- December 6th—Waynesville's Parade—Main Street Waynesville 6pm
- December 9th—"Holiday Cheer" - Haywood County Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Cheer Dinner & Auction will be held at the Gateway Club
- December 11th—"A Night Before Christmas" - Main Street Waynesville 6-9pm
- December 12th—"Angels on Assignment" - Sunrise House of Worship in Dillsboro is having their Christmas Play at 7 pm
- December 18th—Brittany Finke's B-Day
- December 19th—"Sheppard, Sheep and A Savior" - Cornerstone Fellowship Church is having their Children's Program at 6 pm